

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of Girouard et al. Serial No.: 10/682,421 Confirmation Number: 9616 Filed: 10/9/2003 Title: MITIGATING SELF- PROPAGATING E-MAIL VIRUSES Docket: AUS920030749US1	: Before the Examiner: : Group Art Unit: 2141 : Amy J. Pattillo : P.O. Box 161327 : Austin, Tx 78716 : 512-402-9820 vox : 512-306-0417 fax
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**REPLY AND AMENDMENT TO A NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION  
UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**

Mail Stop Box Non-Fee Amendment (Pats)  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

**A. INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Non-Final Office Action having a mailing date of December 19, 2006, with a three-month shortened statutory period for response set to expire on March 19, 2007, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the outstanding rejections and reexamination of the present application in light of the following amendments and remarks.

No extension of time is believed to be necessary. If, however, an extension of time is required, the undersigned hereby authorizes the Commissioner to charge any fees for this extension to IBM Corporation Deposit Account No. 09-0447.